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## Greeting Card "Be My Valentine!" in NeoPopRalism ink pen / pattern drawing style. High school

View results of Int'l NeoPopRealist Art Contest, dedicated to 25th anniversary of NeoPopRealism, in the *NeoPopRealism Journal* <http://neopoprealismjournal.wikifoundry.com/page/neopoprealism> [\[http://neopoprealismjournal.wikifoundry.com/page/neopoprealism\]](http://neopoprealismjournal.wikifoundry.com/page/neopoprealism)

**Art lesson plan**  
**Theme:**

### Greeting Card "Be My Valentine!"

#### NeoPopRalism ink pen / pattern drawing style رنگه درسي، مركب

*"If you'd like to learn how to create NeoPopRealism, forget how to doodle and learn how to create Art." - Nadia Russ*

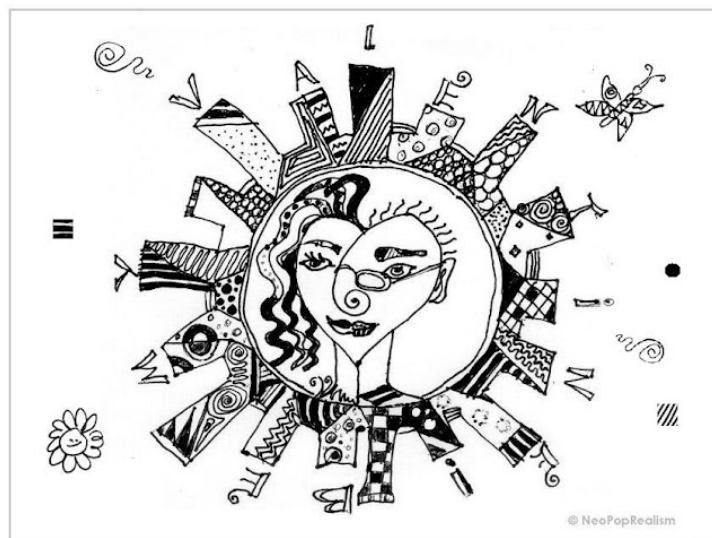
**Subject:** Visual arts, music, technology, فن الرسم

**Grades:** 9-12, adapt. 6-8

**Developed by** NeoPopRealism Press [www.neopoprealism.org](http://www.neopoprealism.org)

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**Time:** Two 45-minute class periods



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#### OBJECTIVES

Students will:

- learn about Valentine Day and its history;

- learn (or be reminded) about NeoPopRealism ink & pen / pattern drawing style created by artist Nadia Russ in 1989;

- create a unique NeoPopRealism ink pen drawing "Be My Valentine!" - selfportrait and portrait of his/her Valentne (see how to create Selfportrait in

<http://neowhimsies.blogspot.com/2012/09/art-lesson-plan-8-selfportrait.html>

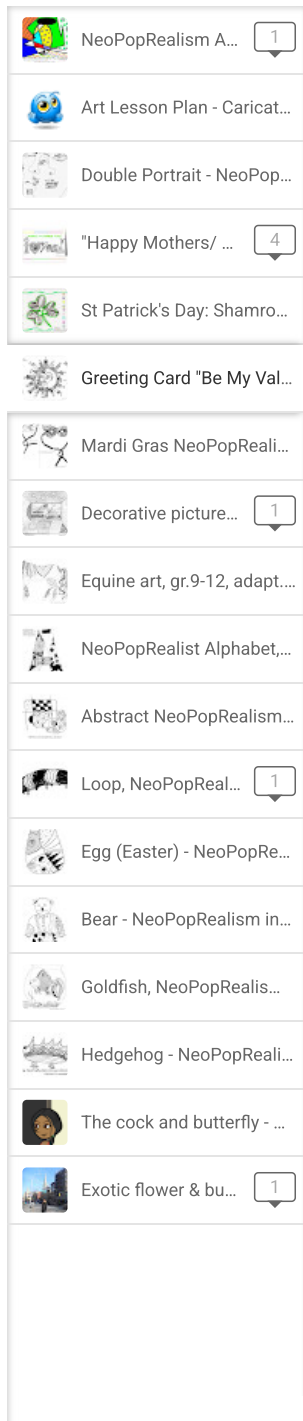
[\[http://neowhimsies.blogspot.com/2012/09/art-lesson-plan-8-selfportrait.html\]](http://neowhimsies.blogspot.com/2012/09/art-lesson-plan-8-selfportrait.html) or a

book "NeoPopRealism Ink & Pen Pattern Drawing: 15 Most Popular ART LESSON PLANS Adaptable to ALL GRADES

[\[http://www.amazon.com/NeoPopRealism-Ink-Pen-Pattern-Drawing/dp/0615754651\]](http://www.amazon.com/NeoPopRealism-Ink-Pen-Pattern-Drawing/dp/0615754651) ",

ISBN: 978-0615754659;);

- focus/ model greeting cards



## Vocabulary:

NeoPopRealism, Card, Layout, Image, Fold, Valentine Day, Portrait, Selfportrait

## MATERIALS:

- Two sheets of white (one of them thick - cardstock) paper size 8.5"x11"
- Black ink pen Rollerball 0.7 mm or similar.
- Scissors
- Computer

## Day 1.

Class Period One:

Tell students a brief history of Valentine Day (see at the bottom of this page "Lesson plan background and historical information"). Examine the NeoPopRealist greeting card "Be My Valentine!".

Instruct students about NeoPopRealism ink pen / pattern drawing style, its concept and Nadia Russ, who created this art style in 1989 (see "Lesson plan background and historical information" below and in <http://neopoprealismblackwhiteink.blogspot.com/> [<http://neopoprealismblackwhiteink.blogspot.com/>]).

Examine the traditional-realistic drawings of Valentine day greeting cards (find them online or use photographs/ prints, or postcards). Have students make comparisons how the NeoPopRealist Valentine's greeting card is different from the traditional-realistic images of Valentine's greeting cards, emphasizing use of ink pen, lines and patterns, the contrasting (black ink on white paper) and flatness of drawing to convey the character and emotion.

Focus on repetitive patterns used in NeoPopRealist ink pen pattern drawing of the greeting card "Be My Valentine!". Ask students to reproduce these patterns and create new ones using imagination on white sheet of paper with ink pen 0.7 mm: the strips, zigzags, waves, circles, whirls, dots, their variations and combinations:



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## Day 2.

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Remind students the NeoPopRealism ink pen/ pattern drawing concept (see Lesson Plan - Background and Historical Information): a line creates a form, then this form is divided into sections, then these sections filled with different repetitive patterns.


Have students fold a sheet of paper 8.5"x11" on the middle.


Have students turn it horizontal - the folding line must be on the top. You get a greeting card size 5.5"x8.5", it is too long. You need 5.5"x7.5" size, so have students cut out one inch to get the desirable size.


Students draw an image of greeting card "Be My Valentine!": a contour of a circle; then, heart that consist of two different people's faces. One part of face is a half of a student's selfportrait and another part of face is his/her Valentine's portrait (half of face). See illustration below.


Then, have students draw seventeen beams. Above each of 14 beams, later, students will draw the letters (Be My Valentine!), see illustration. Students divide the shapes of beams into many abstract sections. Then, they fill these sections with different repetitive patterns, some sections



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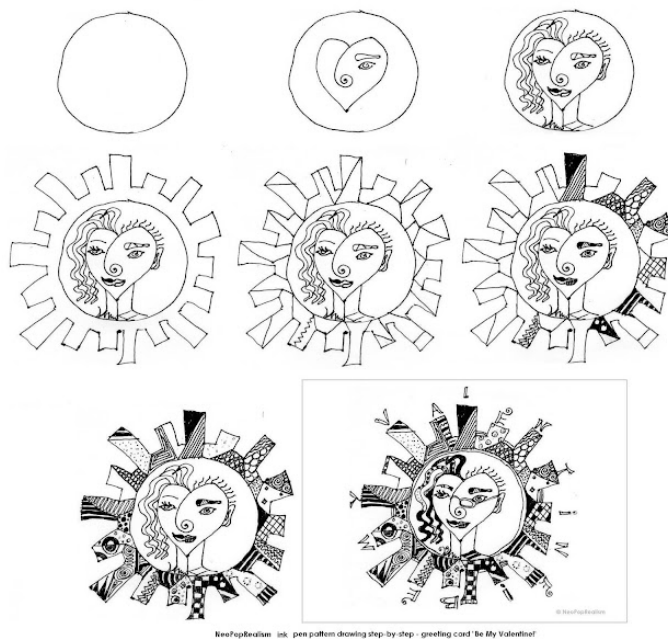

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they leave blank. Students create the NeoPopRealist Greeting card "Be My Valentine!" using their knowledge of NeoPopRealism ink pen/ pattern drawing concept and using their imagination. When the draw, turn on music, preferable with syncopation (jazz). Encourage them to use imagination and create new repetitive patterns, their combinations in different variations instead of copying what they see in an offered greeting card.



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After work is done, have students discuss the drawing process, what was difficult and easy when they created the NeoPopRealist Greeting card "Be My Valentine!" Have them describe the meaning of this card and the Valentine Day.

### Evaluation:

Did the students follow directions and the guidelines?  
 Did the students show an understanding of concept of NeoPopRealism ink pen patter drawing?  
 Did the students create a piece of art for a greeting card "Be My Valentine!" in NeoPopRealism ink pen / pattern drawing style - image of heart-faces?


### ESOL Strategies:


Cooperative learning, learning of new material, activating background knowledge, music, total physical response, communication, multi-sensory approach, direct instruction.


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### Art lesson plan background and historical Information


### Nadia Russ & NeoPopRealism:



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

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Nadia Russ, 2015, NYC

Nadia RUSS is a Ukrainian-born Russian painter/ graphic artist living in the USA, who created a style of visual arts NeoPopRealism <http://neopoprealismblackwhiteink.blogspot.com> [<http://neopoprealismblackwhiteink.blogspot.com/>] /. She is famous for innovative NeoPopRealism art and ink pen pattern drawing, including abstract, the meditative style that she created in 1989. Instead of careful copying reality - wild life or human figure, Nadia RUSS creates her artwork using imagination. As Nadia RUSS experimented and developed her distinctive techniques, her drawings became more symbolic. For her drawings she uses white paper and black ink pen. However, sometimes, she uses blue ink on white paper and gold/silver ink on black paper - <http://neopoprealismblackwhiteink.blogspot.com> [<http://neopoprealismblackwhiteink.blogspot.com/>] /.



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Nadia Russ, Mick Jagger,  
NeoPopRealism, ink & pen  
on paper, 1994

How did Nadia RUSS develop her unique and original style NeoPopRealism? RUSS had studied classical drawing and composition since she was a child, but as she studied she found herself drawn to produce less realistic, more imaginative artwork. In 1989, she created NeoPopRealism art style and ink pattern drawing concept: line creates sections; then, these section filled with different repetitive patterns, some section should be left blank. If artwork made on canvas using color paints and a brush, then it would be a combination of sections filled with hot and cold color painting partly with patterns. In 1996, RUSS exhibited her first ink/ pattern drawings in a group exhibition in Moscow's famous Manege. Later, she was exhibiting her artwork in art galleries. In 1996, she moved to the Freeport, Bahamas, where her artwork gained special brightness. In 2000, she came to the USA where she lives till present. Nadia Russ create a term "NeoPopRealism" January 4, 2003. Same year, she manifested her new style of visual arts NeoPopRealism internationally. In 2004, she created NeoPopRealism 10 canons for happier life. In 2006-2007, several US and European museums collected Nadia Russ' paintings and drawings and now, these artworks are in the permanent collections of these museums.



Nadia Russ, Queen of Hearts, 1997



Nadia Russ, Faces, 2012



Nadia Russ, The Game, 1997

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In 2014, NeoPopRealism is 25! A little bit of history. The Bahamas TV, Channel 13:

Nadia Russ' NeoPopRealist Art Exhibit in 1997:

Bahamas TV, Channel 13: Na...



Also read what newspapers worldwide have written about Nadia Russ' Artwork (click and scroll down in the following website):

<http://neopoprealismjournal.wikifoundry.com/page/NeoPopRealism>  
[\[http://neopoprealismjournal.wikifoundry.com/page/NeoPopRealism\]](http://neopoprealismjournal.wikifoundry.com/page/NeoPopRealism)

### Saint Valentine's Day.

St. Valentine's Day is observed on February 14 each year. It commonly known as Valentine's Day or the Feast of Saint Valentine. Valentine's Day is celebrated in many countries around the world, mostly in the West. It remains a working day in many of them.

The day was first associated with romantic love in the circle of Geoffrey Chaucer in the High Middle Ages, when the tradition of courtly love flourished. By the 15th century, it had evolved into an occasion in which lovers expressed their love for each other by presenting flowers, offering confectionery, and sending greeting cards (known as "valentines"). Valentine's Day symbols that are used today include the heart-shaped

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handwritten valentines have given way to mass-produced greeting cards

St. Valentine's Day began as a liturgical celebration of one or more early Christian saints named Valentinus. The most popular martyrology associated with Saint Valentine was that he was imprisoned for performing weddings for soldiers who were forbidden to marry and for ministering to Christians, who were persecuted under the Roman Empire; during his imprisonment, he is said to have healed the daughter of his jailer Asterius. Legend states that before his execution he wrote "from your Valentine" as a farewell to her.

Today, Saint Valentine's Day is an official feast day in the Anglican Communion, as well as in the Lutheran Church. The Eastern Orthodox Church also celebrates Saint Valentine's Day, albeit on July 6th and July 30th, the former date in honor of the Roman presbyter Saint Valentine, and the latter date in honor of Hieromartyr Valentine, the Bishop of Interamna (modern Terni)

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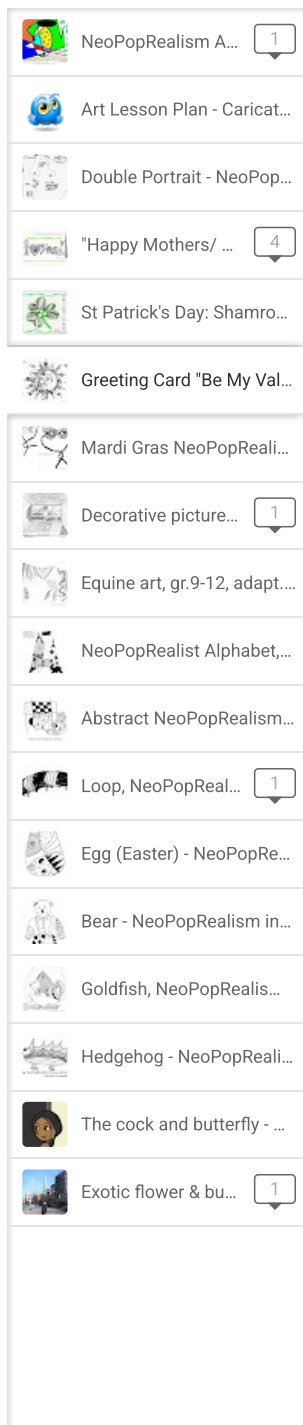
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### Historical facts.

Shrine of St. Valentine in Whitefriar Street Carmelite Church in Dublin, Ireland Numerous early Christian martyrs were named Valentine. The Valentines honored on February 14 are Valentine of Rome (Valentinus presb. m. Romae) and Valentine of Terni (Valentinus ep. Interamnensis m. Romae). Valentine of Rome was a priest in Rome who was martyred about AD 269 and was buried on the Via Flaminia. The flower crowned skull of St Valentine is exhibited in the Basilica of Santa Maria in Cosmedin, Rome. Other relics are found in the Basilica of Santa Prassede, also in Rome, as well as at Whitefriar Street Carmelite Church in Dublin, Ireland. Valentine of Terni became bishop of Interamna (modern Terni) about AD 197 and is said to have been martyred during the persecution under Emperor Aurelian. He is also buried on the Via Flaminia, but in a different location than Valentine of Rome. His relics are at the Basilica of Saint Valentine in Terni (Basilica di San Valentino). The Catholic Encyclopedia also speaks of a third saint named Valentine who was mentioned in early martyrologies under date of February 14. He was martyred in Africa with a number of companions, but nothing more is known about him. Saint Valentine's head was preserved in the abbey of New Minster, Winchester and venerated. February 14 is celebrated as St Valentine's Day in various Christian denominations; it has, for example, the rank of 'commemoration' in the calendar of saints in the Anglican Communion. In addition, the feast day of Saint Valentine is also given in the calendar of saints of the Lutheran Church. However, in the 1969 revision of the Roman Catholic Calendar of Saints, the feast day of Saint Valentine on February 14 was removed from the General Roman Calendar and relegated to particular (local or even national) calendars for the following reason: "Though the memorial of Saint Valentine is ancient, it is left to particular calendars, since, apart from his name, nothing is known of Saint Valentine except that he was buried on the Via Flaminia on February 14. The feast day is still celebrated in Balzan (Malta) where relics of the saint are claimed to be found, and also throughout the world by Traditionalist Catholics who follow the older, pre-Second Vatican Council calendar. In the Eastern Orthodox Church, St. Valentine's Day is celebrated on July 6th, in which Saint Valentine, the Roman presbyter, is honored; furthermore, the Eastern Orthodox Church observes the feast of Hieromartyr Valentine, Bishop of Interamna, on July 30th

### RESOURCES:

**1. Information on NeoPopRealism** ink pen pattern drawing, its concept and **Nadia Russ**, who created this style in 1989: <http://neopoprealismblackwhiteink.blogspot.com>  
[<http://neopoprealismblackwhiteink.blogspot.com/>]

**2. Fine Art Prints** from the NeoPopRealist art by Nadia Russ:

- <http://neopoprealism.org> [<http://neopoprealism.org/>]

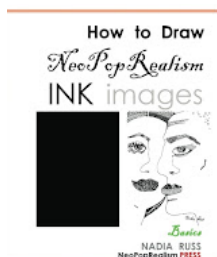
- <http://www.neopoprealism.net> [<http://www.neopoprealism.net/>]

**3. a) A book "How to Draw Advanced NeoPopRealism Ink Images**

[<http://neopoprealism.org/>]", ISBN: 978-0615569758 contains a few teaching projects with step by step images and patterns drawing instructions.

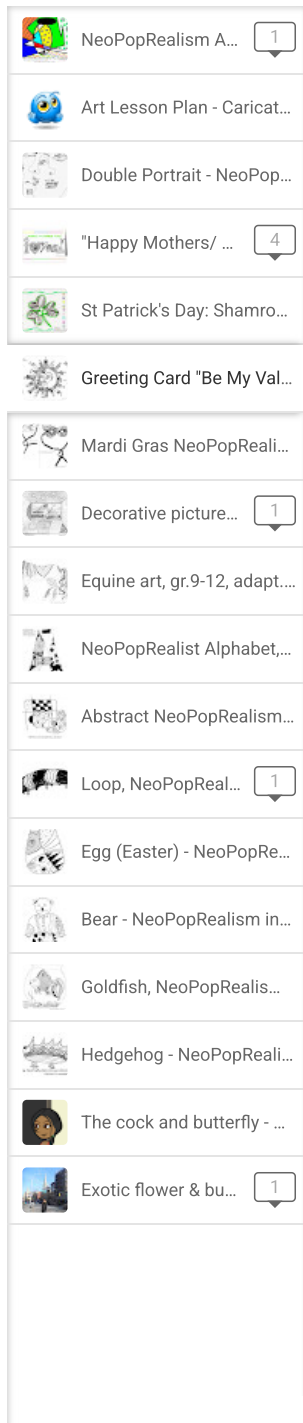
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Read the book' review written by the art professional/educator:



[<http://www.amazon.com/How-Draw-Advanced-NeoPopRealism-Images/dp/0615569757>]

**b) New book for art teachers: NeoPopRealism Ink & Pen Pattern Drawing: 15 Most Popular ART LESSON PLANS Adaptable to ALL GRADES,**



[<http://neopoprealism.org/>]



#### 4. Photograph/prints with the realistic drawings of St. Valentine cards.

##### Follow-up activities:

View Nadia Russ' NeoPopRealism artwork online and discuss

NeoPopRealism ink pen pattern drawing style/concept.

Name several artists who invented and who were the top representatives of new styles of visual arts:

Monet - Impressionism,

Dali - Surrealism,

Picasso - Cubism,

Andy Warhol and Jasper Johns - Pop Art,

Jeff Koons - Neo-Pop,

Nadia Russ - NeoPopRealism.

Make sure students do not confuse NeoPopRealism, created by Nadia Russ, and Neo-Pop, created by Jeff Koons.

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\*Fight bullying in schools to live with dignity with help of NeoPopRealism philosophy and 10 canons for happier life - see [www.nadiaruss.com](http://www.nadiaruss.com) [<http://www.nadiaruss.com/>] / or see below:

##### NeoPopRealism philosophy for happier life:

1. Be beautiful;
2. Be creative & productive; never stop studying & learning;
3. Be peace-loving, positive-minded;
4. Do not accept communist or any other totalitarianism's philosophy;
5. Be free-minded, do the best you can to move the world to peace and harmony;
6. Be family oriented, self-disciplined;
7. Be free spirited. Follow your dreams, if they are not destructive, but constructive;
8. Believe in god. God is one, it is harmony and striving for perfection;
9. Be supportive to those who need you, be generous;
10. Create your life as a great adventurous story.

##### About what the NeoPopRealism philosophy for happier life stands for.

To bring the peace to the earth, it is time to unite all the peace-loving

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and weapons of mass destruction, such as war ships, war planes, artillery, nuclear bombs, etc., in every part of the world, without any exception, once and forever.

It has to be an international law, according to which any person of any country, in any government, responsible for use (or attempt to use) the heavy military equipment in any part of the world to kill people, would be imprisoned for the rest of life without possibility of amnesty, as the mass murderer. All sales of the heavy military equipment worldwide should be stopped, as well as production of new military heavy equipment, as part of this future law.

To keep this planet eco-friendly and beautiful, and people happy, we have to say 'good bye' to some irresponsible boys' bloody toys. (08.08.2014)

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\*More lesson plans for all grades: NeoPopRealism ink pen pattern drawing:

- <http://neowhimsies.blogspot.com> [<http://neowhimsies.blogspot.com/>] /